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Applicant:	NARUMI et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
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Title:	METHOD FOR OPTICALLY RECORDING INFORMATION AND DEVICE FOR OPTICALLY RECORDING INFORMATION BY THE SAME		

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By:

Kristen Smith

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in an International Search Report dated June 27, 2000. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.491).

Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references are required, pursuant to MPEP § 609(A)3, however the Applicant notes that

5,490,126 is a corresponding U.S. application to Japanese patent no. 2679596; and 5,841,747 is a corresponding U.S. application to Japanese patent no. 9-63056; 5,513,165 is a corresponding U.S. application to Japanese patent no. 6-195713.

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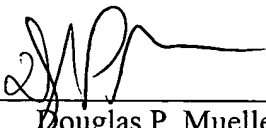
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 14 Reference(s)
- ☒ Other: International Search Report for PCT/JP00/01589
- ☒ Return postcard

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FORM 1449*

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,490,126	February 6, 1996	FURUMIYA et al.			
	5,513,165	April 30, 1996	IDE et al.			
	5,841,747	November 24, 1998	KUBOTA et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	0 477 892	September 25, 1991	EPO				
	0 751 509	June 26, 1996	EPO				
	0 802 531	April 14, 1997	EPO				
	0 865 035	March 4, 1998	EPO				
	6-195713	July 15, 1994	Japan				
	6-236553	August 23, 1994	Japan			Abstract	
	9-63056	March 7, 1997	Japan				
	9-167347	June 24, 1997	Japan			Abstract	
	2679596	August 1, 1997	Japan				
	11-7645	January 12, 1999	Japan			Abstract	
	2000-40231	February 8, 2000	Japan			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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